

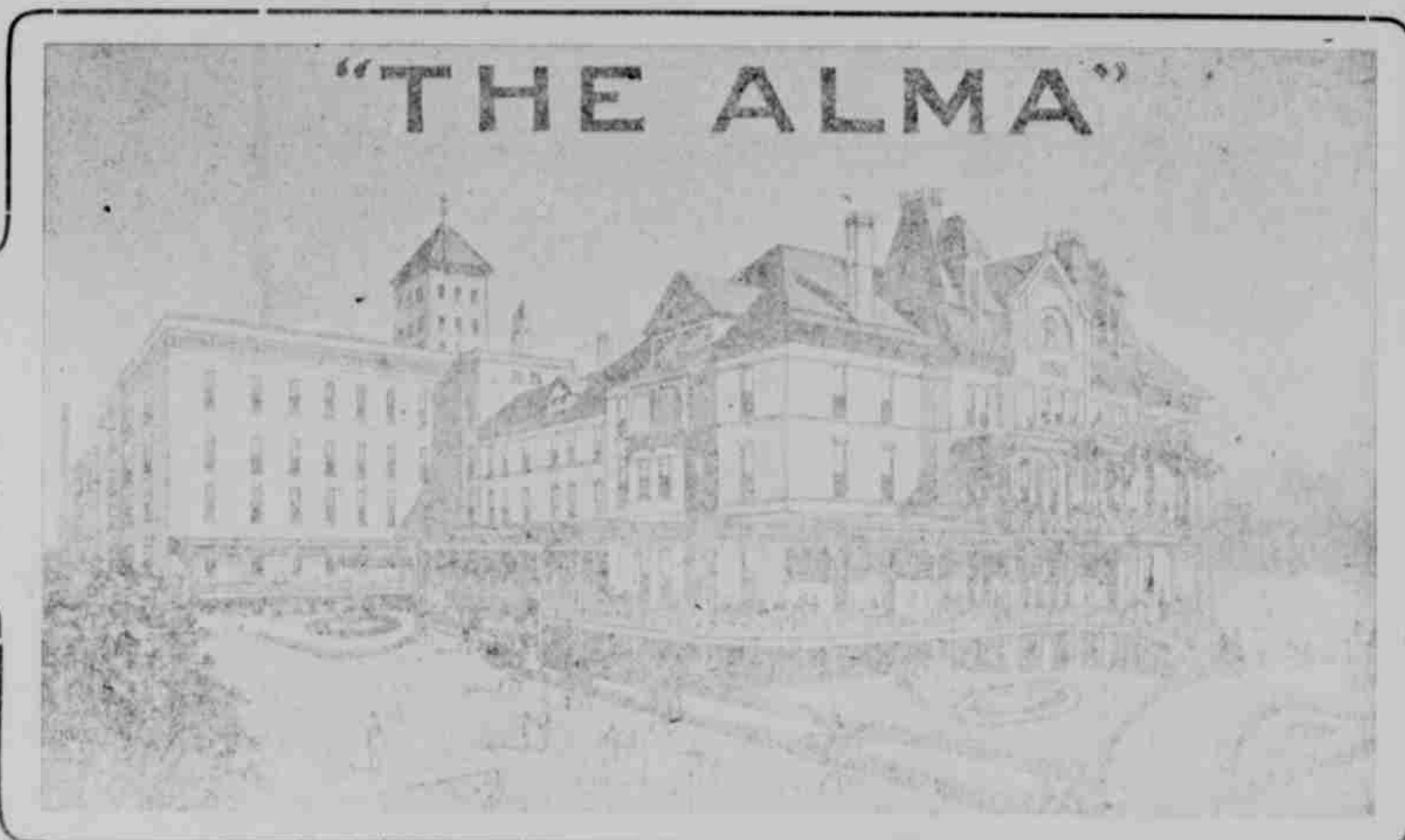
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Announcement The Management desires particularly to announce that every facility the institution possesses will be placed at the disposal of the physicians and residents of Alma and vicinity. Patients may enter at any time, and be attended by their own family physician if they so desire.

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Assistant Medical Superintendent.

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Medical Supt. and Mgr.

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Assistant Med. Supt.

NORTHEAST WHEELER.

Minors Davenport and wife were in St. Louis Monday.
Roy Wood was in Breckenridge Friday.
Vernon Swartout and wife visited at J. Wolfgang's Sunday.
Mrs. Mastangle is reported no better at present writing.
Layman Wood has gone to Hardlock, Arenac County, where he has a position for the winter. Fred Woodcock has also gone North.
Mrs. M. D. Shay and Mrs. Frank Lamphere visited at T. Wolfgang's Wednesday.
Mrs. Dora E. Wolfgang has gone to Cadillac to visit her sister Mrs. George E. Brown.
Mary Wood of Breckenridge, visited her parents over Sunday.
We are sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Clay Vanness and deeply sympathize with the bereaved children.
The Misses Tina and Rose Taylor visited at Geo. Wood's Sunday.
Minors Davenport, wife and daughter, Lottie, visited at Redstone Sunday.

PINE RIVER TOWNSHIP SEC. 5.

Mrs. William Switzer is slowly improving.
Miss Hann, who has been teaching the Allen school, bid good bye to her scholars last Friday evening. Miss Lang took her place and began her duties Monday.
Fred O'Hovle is south of Alma working for Mr. Doan.
Mrs. Ada Young is on the sick list.
A surprise party was held for Delbert Couder last Wednesday evening before he went north to Potoskey to spend the holidays with his sister, Mrs. Shoup.
E. Sias, the new mailman, will begin delivering mail to the farmers in this vicinity the fifteenth of this month.
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Whiteing are the happy parents of a bouncing baby boy.
William Freeze is having a long run with his new hucker this fall.
Mrs. Barbara Plowman went to Clare Friday to attend the funeral of her niece.
Cold weather and lots of snow up here.

S. W. NEW HAVEN.

Mrs. A. W. Welton is still in very poor health.
Daniel Horegon and two sons start for the North to work in the woods this winter.
Harry Twillegar is on the sick list.
Mr. Mallory has moved on William Neil's farm.
Arad Linsley is building him a new house.

"Bucket Shop" Defined.

"Dad," said Reginald, "what is a 'bucket shop'?" "A bucket shop, my son," said the father feelingly, "a bucket shop is a modern cooperative establishment to which a man takes a barrel and brings back the bungs."—Exchange.

S. W. PINE RIVER.

Frank Church and family were the guests of Mrs. Clare Nelson, Sunday.
Nate Church and wife of Alma, called on N. O. Church and family Sunday.
Harry Haggard, who has been spending a few weeks with friends in Indiana, returned home Wednesday.
Mrs. E. Church and son, Oland, spent Saturday and Sunday with Albert Church and wife, near Ithaca.
Jackson Haggard came from North Dakota the first of the week and expects to spend the winter with his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Haggard.
Mrs. Hilker and son, who have been spending a few days with the former's brother, John Morton and family, returned to their home in Thornville the latter part of last week.
B. B. Ellison an old pioneer of Gratiot county, died at his home Friday morning at the age of 92.

BIG CROP OF POSTAGE.

Uncle Sam Raises Them in Enormous Quantities.

We hear much at harvest time of the great crops of corn and wheat and cotton, of hay and apples and oats and barley. We are told of the immense output of coal and iron ore, of lumber, oil and gas, but there is one great output that goes on increasing proportions, year after year, in all seasons and sections, affected not by the weather or any conditions save the prosperity of the people.

It will take nearly 7,000,000,000 stamps this year to supply the people of the United States. Over 20,000,000 a day are struck off by the burr of engraving and printing, and in the daily shipment to the 70,000 offices runs from 10,000,000 to 20,000,000 daily, to be distributed to the people.

This is the best gauge of our prosperity that we have.
Ten years ago our postal receipts amounted to only \$75,000,000; now they are over twice that amount. Before the end of Roosevelt's next administration our postal business will probably be \$225,000,000 annually, or three times what it was in Cleveland's last administration, although our population will have increased less than one-half. And these little postage stamps are for the most part of the one and two cent denominations, small, indeed as compared with a bushel of corn or wheat, a ton of coal or hay, a bale of cotton or barrel of apples. And yet the postage stamp crop bids fair to rival in a few years our great agricultural crops and the output of the mine and forest.

It is one more of the silent but none the less impressive evidences of the great substantial prosperity which has come to all classes under the operation of our present tariff. A law which brings and maintains such results is a good law to leave alone.

Dr. Weaver's Early Risers
The famous little pills.

REMEMBER YOUR FRIEND.

An Able Address Before a Farmers' Club by One Who Knows.

A farmer in speaking before an institute of his profession recently said: "As a rule the farmer knows no firmer friend than the country press. The home paper is distinctively the farmer's own paper, supported directly or indirectly by the farmers who compose the backbone of the printer's subscription list and largely for what the enterprising merchant advertises. Now, brothers, let us not forget our friends. Let us see that our subscription is paid before the first of January and a year in advance if we can afford it. The man or the paper that fights my battles shall have my support. Another thing the merchants who advertise are the ones who make it possible for us to get a good local paper, and the men or firms who are too penurious to advertise and help support the local press have no right to the farmers' patronage. I propose hereafter to go to a good live advertiser and a man who will do his share in supporting the local press, thus contributing to my support, rather than buy of the man who proposes to take all and give nothing in return. If farmers as a class would support their friends, the other fellow would soon go out of business."

INAUGURATION ON JAN. 2.

New Year's Day on Sunday this Year Changes Usual Custom.

The law provides that the governor and other state officials shall be sworn in January 1, but as New Year's Day occurs on Sunday, it is possible that the inauguration shall not take place until Monday. The swearing in process has usually been gone through with at noon, but arrangements are being made to have this ceremony take place at four in the afternoon this time, so that all who desire may have time to get to Lansing in the afternoon. It is proposed to hold the governor's reception on the evening of that day, and the various legislative exercises will be held on Tuesday, the legislature opening on the following day.
The swearing in of new officials will be more impressive than usual, as three new members of the state supreme court will take their oaths of office. For many years, only one new judge has been inducted at a time, but the judges elected last fall will increase the number of members of the state's highest tribunal from five to eight, it being expected that cases will now be disposed of with much more rapidity.

Exposure to Wet.
Dampness and cold, invariably results in a sudden chill, which if not attended to immediately will cause a cold. By mixing a teaspoonful of Perry Davis' Painkiller in half a glass of warm water or milk, the whole system will be heated and the danger of cold avoided. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Painkiller, Perry Davis'. Price 25c and 50c.

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SUMNER.

Instead of being visited with a flying machine as was Maple Rapids last week, our village is visited by a fierce snow storm, which, at this writing, is still raging, having covered our share of terra-firma with several inches of the beautiful.

John Robson and I. F. Tucker have commenced lumbering north and east of here and we imagine we hear them say, "This snow is in answer to our prayers."

The cry of "Fire" last week was responded to by nearly all the Bucket Brigade. Sparks had fallen on the roof of H. A. Olow's buildings. The flames were soon extinguished by the brave fireman and we understand the damage is fully covered by insurance. Fine work boys. Now let us assist A. E. Fowler in his fire extinguishing project. A hose attached to an up-town hydrant furnished with water pumped through an under ground pipe from the grist mill water wheels, might be very acceptable at some future date.

Joseph Harvey has gone to Chicago to visit friends and to get the new leg he ordered some time ago to replace his crutches.

Christmas presents will be for sale at any old place in town next week. Don't forget the date or to call and see them.

After an absence of several weeks in Vestburg, Rev. W. L. Denning again officiated in our midst Sunday.

Watch for the date of the next entertainment to be given by the Ladies Aid Society. It is to be original, and beneficial to all who attend.

From the report of the last entertainment, we understand Dr. Graham is an unusually good musician, also that there are others who he would have gotten the prize. Too bad, Doctor, but don't be discouraged.

Ladies Bowling Club to be organized in the near future. A interested apply to John Fowler.

J. H. McGowan and Elson Every are to take their returned wagons on Thursday.

The Summer tent K. O. T. M. M. intend celebrating Christmas by giving a social trip to their hall on Monday evening, Dec. 26. Music to be furnished by Mulford's orchestra. A cordial invitation is extended to all who indulge.

H. J. Sperry of Orytal has been the guest of his family for the past week.

John Slater and family has moved to Riverdale, where John is Landlord of the one time G. A. H. House.

We are led to believe that Ralph Alcorn, the victim of the late shooting affray, is slowly recovering and that he will soon be among us again.

Any news overlooked this week can be left at the office of the correspondent between two and twelve next week.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. K. W. Thompson's signature is on each box. 2c.

THE EDITOR'S WIFE

Letter from an Illinois Newspaper Man that is Well Worth Reading.

As a usual thing editors save the good things for the columns of their own newspapers, but the following letter from S. H. Duncan, editor of the Seaton, Ill., Independent, shows that there is at least one editor who wants to help others. He writes as follows:
"To the editor of the Record:
I wish you would print the following and thus help me to do a kindness to your readers. My wife has been a great sufferer with stomach troubles for the past four years, and the last two years practically an invalid. Nothing seemed to help her until I procured a box of Mi-o-na, nature's cure for dyspepsia. This gave her so much relief that she continued using the remedy until now she enjoys her meals, is relieved from all pain in her stomach and has increased in flesh.
I hope you will publish this letter, for I think there is no remedy for stomach trouble equal to Mi-o-na, and the more wide spread its use becomes, the more good will be done to humanity."

S. H. DUNCAN,
Editor of Independent,
Chas. Rhodes has the local agency for Mi-o-na and has faith in its merits equals Editor Duncan's. He in fact, offers to pay for Mi-o-na himself in any case where it does not give satisfaction. No stronger endorsement of the merits of the remedy can be given than this, that a local drug firm is willing to sell a medicine on its own guarantee to refund the money if it does not cure stomach troubles and increase flesh.

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